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Commerce Committee Tuesday, February 22, 2022

SB 99, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY REMOTE NOTARIAL ACTS AND THE REVISED UNIFORM LAW ON NOTARIAL ACTS

Good afternoon, Senator Hartley, Representative Currey, Senator Martin, Representative Buckbee, and the distinguished members of the Commerce Committee. My name is Anna Posniak. I am the Windsor Town Clerk and Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association (CTCA). Thank you for affording me the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of SB 99, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY REMOTE NOTARIAL ACTS AND THE REVISED UNIFORM LAW ON NOTARIAL ACTS.

The CTCA appreciates the Commerce Committee raising this bill and fully supports the concept of Remote Online Notarization (RON) as the future for signing and authenticating documents.

Over the last two years, the CTCA has been an active partner on various RON Working Groups reviewing the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (RULONA) to promote uniformity with Connecticut's notary laws with that of other states. These RON Working Groups, comprise many industry stakeholders, which are dedicated to the inclusion of diverse consumer needs while developing an impactful solution to improve the consumer's desire for convenient and faster solutions for their busy lives. The collaborative efforts of the working group are close to finding a solution to benefit all Connecticut industries that will employ the use of remote online notarization. Should this RON Working Group find a compromise proposal, CTCA most respectfully request that this language be inserted into SB 99 as a substitute.

CTCA appreciates the opportunity to testify on this bill.